

ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ ZONES

**FIRE/SMOKE ZONE\* EVALUATION WORKSHEET FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

1973 LIFE SAFETY CODE

FACILITY	BUILDING
ZONE(S) EVALUATED	
PROVIDER/VENDOR NO.	DATE OF SURVEY

COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET FOR EACH ZONE. WHERE CONDITIONS ARE THE SAME IN SEVERAL ZONES, ONE WORKSHEET CAN BE USED FOR THOSE ZONES.

**Step 1: Determine Occupancy Risk Parameter Factors—Use Table 1.**

- A. For each Risk Parameter in Table 1, select and circle the appropriate risk factor value.  
Choose only one for each of the five Risk Parameters.

TABLE 1. OCCUPANCY RISK PARAMETER FACTORS					
RISK PARAMETERS	RISK FACTORS VALUES				
1. PATIENT MOBILITY (M)	MOBILITY STATUS	MOBILE	LIMITED MOBILITY	NOT MOBILE	NOT MOVABLE
	RISK FACTORS	1.0	1.6	3.2	4.5
2. PATIENT DENSITY (D)	PATIENT	1–5	6–10	11–30	> 30
	RISK FACTOR	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.0
3. ZONE LOCATION (L)	FLOOR	1st	2nd or 3rd	4th to 6th	7th & ABOVE
	RISK FACTOR	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6
4. RATIO OF PATIENTS TO ATTENDANTS (T)	PATIENTS ATTENDANT	1–2	3–5	6–10	> 10
	RISK FACTORS	1	1	1	1
5. PATIENT AVERAGE AGE (A)	AGE	UNDER 65 YRS. & OVER 1 YR.	65 YRS. & OVER 1 YR. & YOUNGER		
	RISK FACTOR	1.0	1.2		

† RISK FACTOR OF 4.0 IS CHARGED TO ANY ZONE THAT HOUSES PATIENTS WITHOUT ANY STAFF IN IMMEDIATE ATTENDANCE.

**Step 2: Compute Occupancy Risk Factor (F) — Use Table 2.**

- A. Transfer the circled risk factor values from Table 1 to the corresponding blocks in Table 2.  
B. Compute F by multiplying the risk factor values as indicated in Table 2.

TABLE 2. OCCUPANCY RISK FACTOR CALCULATION											
	M		D		L		T		A		F
OCCUPANCY RISK	<input type="text"/>	X	<input type="text"/>	X	<input type="text"/>	X	<input type="text"/>	X	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text"/>

**Step 3: Compute Adjusted Building Status (R) — Use Table 2.**

- A. If building is classified as "NEW" use Table 3A. If building is classified as "Existing" use Table 3B.  
B. Transfer the value of F from Table 2 to Table 3A or Table 3B as appropriate. Calculate R.  
C. Transfer R to the block labeled R in Table 7 on page 4 of the worksheet.

TABLE 3A. (NEW BUILDINGS)	
1.0 X	$\frac{F}{R}$

TABLE 3B. (EXISTING BUILDINGS)	
0.5 X	$\frac{F}{R}$

\* FIRE/SMOKE ZONE is a space separated from all other spaces by floors, horizontal exlts, or smoke barriers.

SURVEYOR SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
FIRE AUTHORITY SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE

**Step 4:** Determine Safety Parameter Values—Use Table 4.

- A. Select and circle the safety value for each safety parameter in Table 4 that best describes the conditions in the zone. Choose only one value for each of the 13 parameters. If two or more appear to apply, choose the one with the lowest point value.

TABLE 4.	SAFETY PARAMETERS VALUES						
PARAMETERS	PARAMETERS VALUES						
1. CONSTRUCTION	COMBUSTIBLE				NON-COMBUSTIBLE		
	WOOD FRAME		ORDINARY				
FLOOR OF ZONE	UNPROTECTED	PROTECTED	UNPROTECTED	PROTECTED	PROTECTED	UNPROTECTED	FIRE RESIST.
FIRST	-2	0	-2	0	0	2	2
SECOND	-7	-2	-4	-2	-2	2	4
THIRD	-9	-7	-9	-7	-7	2	4
FOURTH & ABOVE	-13	-7	-13	-7	-9	-7	4
2. INTERIOR FINISH (Corridors & Exits)	CLASS C		CLASS B		CLASS A		
	-5		0		3		
3. IINTERIOR FINISH (Rooms)	CLASS C		CLASS B		CLASS A		
	-3		1		3		
4. CORRIDOR PARTITIONS/WALLS	NONE OR INCOMPLETE		< 1/3 H.R.		≥ 1/3 < 1.0 H.R.		≥ 1.0 H.R.
	-10 (0) a		0		1 (0) a		2 (0) a
5. DOORS TO CORRIDOR	NO DOOR		< 20 MIN FPR.		≥ 20 MIN FPR.		≥ 20 MIN. FPR & AUTO CLOS.
	-10		0		1 (0) d		2 (0) d
6. ZONE DIMENSIONS	DEAD END MORE THAN 100'		DEAD END 30' – 100'		NO DEAD END > 30' & ZONE LENGTH IS:		
					> 150'		100' – 150'
	-6 (0) b		-4 (0) b		-2		0
7. VERTICAL OPENINGS	OPEN 4 OR MORE FLOORS		OPEN 2 OR 3 FLOORS		ENCLOSED WITH INDICATED FIRE RESIST.		
					< 1 H.R.		≥ 1 H.R. < 2 H.R.
	-14		-10		0		2 (0) e
8. HAZARDOUS AREAS	DOUBLE DEFICIENCY				SINGLE DEFICIENCY		NO DEFICIENCIES
	IN ZONE		OUTSIDE ZONE		IN ZONE		
	-11		-5		-6		
9. SMOKE CONTROL	NO CONTROL		SMOKE BARRIER		MECH. ASSISTED SYSTEMS		
	-2 (0) f		0		BY ZONE		
					3		
10. EMERGENCY MOVEMENT ROUTES	< 2 ROUTES		MULTIPLE ROUTES				
			DEFICIENT		W/O HORIZONTAL EXIT(S)		HORIZONTAL EXIT(S)
	-8		-2		0		3
11. MANUAL FIRE ALARM	NO MANUAL FIRE ALARM				MANUAL FIRE ALARM		
					W/O F.D. CONN.		
	-4				1		
12. SMOKE DETECTION & ALARM	NONE		CORRIDOR ONLY		ROOMS ONLY		TOTAL SPACE IN ZONE
	0		2		3		5
13. AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS	NONE		CORRIDOR		CORRIDOR & HABIT. SPACE		
	0		2 (0) f		8		

**NOTE:** a. Use (0) when item 5 is -10.  
b. Use (0) when item 10 is -8.  
c. Use (0) on floor with less than 31 patients (existing buildings ONLY).

d. Use (0) when item 4 is -10.  
e. Use (0) when item 1 is based on first floor zone or on an unprotected type of construction.  
f. Use (0) when item 1 is based on an unprotected type of construction.

**Step 5:** Compute Individual Safety Evaluations—Use Table 5.

- A. Transfer each of the 13 circled Safety Parameter Values from Table 4 to every unshaded block in the line with the corresponding Safety Parameter in Table 5. For Safety Parameter 13 (Sprinklers) the value entered in the People Movement Safety column is recorded in Table 5 as 1/2 the corresponding value circled in Table 4.
- B. Add the four columns, keeping in mind that any negative numbers deduct.
- C. Transfer the resulting total values for  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $S_G$  to blocks labeled  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $S_G$  in Table 7 on page 4 of this sheet.

**TABLE 5. INDIVIDUAL SAFETY EVALUATIONS**

SAFETY PARAMETERS	CONTAINMENT SAFETY ( $S_1$ )	EXTINGUISHMENT SAFETY ( $S_2$ )	PEOPLE MOVEMENT SAFETY ( $S_3$ )	GENERAL SAFETY ( $S_G$ )
1. CONSTRUCTION				
2. INTERIOR FINISH (Corr. & Exit)				
3. INTERIOR FINISH (Rooms)				
4. CORRIDOR PARTITIONS/WALLS				
5. DOORS TO CORRIDOR				
6. ZONE DIMENSIONS				
7. VERTICAL OPENINGS				
8. HAZARDOUS AREAS				
9. SMOKE CONTROL				
10. EMERGENCY MOVEMENT ROUTES				
11. MANUAL FIRE ALARM				
12. SMOKE DETECTION & ALARM				
13. AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS			÷2 =	
TOTAL VALUE	$S_1 =$	$S_2 =$	$S_3 =$	$S_G =$

**Step 6:** Determine Mandatory Safety Requirement Values—Use Table 6.

- A. Using the classification of the building (i.e., New or Existing) and the floor where the zone is located, circle the appropriate value in each of the three columns in Table 6.
- B. Transfer the three circled values from Table 6 to the blocks marked  $S_a$ ,  $S_b$ , and  $S_c$  in Table 7.

<b>TABLE 6. MANDATORY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS</b>						
ZONE LOCATION	CONTAINMENT ( $S_a$ )		EXTINGUISHMENT ( $S_b$ )		PEOPLE MOVEMENT ( $S_c$ )	
	NEW	EXIST.	NEW	EXIST.	NEW	EXIST.
FIRST FLOOR	9	4	6	3	6	1
ABOVE OR BELOW FIRST FLOOR	14	8	8	5	9	3

**Step 7:** Evaluation of Fire Safety Equivalency—Use Table 7.

- A. Perform the indicated subtractions in Table 7. Enter the differences in the appropriate answer blocks.
- B. For each row check “Yes” if the value in the answer block is zero or greater. Check “No” if the value in the answer block is a negative number.

<b>TABLE 7. ZONE SAFETY EQUIVALENCY EVALUATION</b>					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
CONTAINMENT SAFETY ( $S_1$ )	less	MANDATORY CONTAINMENT ( $S_a$ )	$\geq 0$	$S_1 - S_a = C$ <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		
EXTINGUISHMENT SAFETY ( $S_2$ )	less	MANDATORY EXTINGUISHMENT ( $S_b$ )	$\geq 0$	$S_2 - S_b = E$ <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		
PEOPLE MOVEMENT SAFETY ( $S_3$ )	less	MANDATORY PEOPLE MOVEMENT ( $S_c$ )	$\geq 0$	$S_3 - S_c = P$ <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		
GENERAL SAFETY ( $S_G$ )	less	OCCUPANCY RISK ( $R$ )	$\geq 0$	$S_G - R = G$ <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. ☐ All of the checks in Table 7 are in the “Yes” column. The level of fire safety is at least equivalent to that prescribed by the Life Safety Code.\*
2. ☐ One of more of the checks in Table 7 are in the “No” column. The level of fire safety is not shown by this system to be equivalent to that prescribed by the Life Safety Code.\*

\*The equivalency covered by this worksheet includes the majority of considerations covered by the Life Safety Code. There are a few considerations that are covered in the “Facility Fire Safety Requirements Worksheet,” (Table 8). One copy of this separate worksheet is to be completed for each facility.